

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 15-20 and 22-25 are pending in the Application. Claim 21 is canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 24-25 are added by this amendment. By means of the present amendment, the claims are amended including for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Further amendments include correcting informalities noted upon review of the claims. By these amendments, the claims are not amended to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

In the Office Action, it is noted that the oath/declaration is objected to for improperly designating the filing date of the priority document. A corrected oath/declaration is being prepared

for execution by the Applicants and will be submitted thereafter under separate cover from this amendment.

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The claims are objected to for several informalities. The noted informalities are corrected herein as noted above. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

Claims 15-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 15 and 19 are amended herein to cure the noted problems. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 15-17 and 19 are in proper form and it is respectfully requested that these rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-7 and 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,909,928 to Barish ("Barish"). Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Barish in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,442,596 to Nasu ("Nasu"). It is respectfully

submitted that claims 1-3, 5-7, 15-20 and 22-25 are allowable over Barish alone and in view of Nasu for at least the following reasons.

Barish shows a shaver head assembly 3 (see, FIGs. 1-3) that includes a cutting member 10 with teeth 12 and an (emphasis added) "air impeller 16 consisting of a plurality of vanes or blades 17 for impelling air through air discharge openings formed in the static guard 20 ..." (See, Col. 3, lines 17-18.) In fact, as disclosed in Barish (emphasis added) "[t]he air so discharged produces an air cushion between the shaver head and the user's face ..." (See, Col. 3, lines 46-48.)

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the shaver of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Barish. For example, Barish does not disclose or suggest, a shaver that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis added) "at least one liquid displacement impeller arranged to displace liquid through the hair chamber without causing significant amounts of airflow, the at least one liquid displacement impeller being connected to the drive structure for driving the movement of the at least one impeller" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in each of claims 20 and 23. As

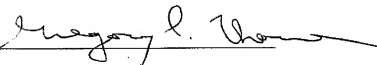
should be clear from the above, the impellers of Barish are arranged to produce significant airflow. Nasu is introduced for allegedly showing a different element and as such, does nothing to cure the deficiencies in Barish.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 20 and 23 are patentable over Barish alone and in view of Nasu and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-3, 5-7, 15-19, 22 and 24-25 respectively depend from one of claims 1 and 20 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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